

REQUEST FOR WAIVER
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are filing an Appeal of an Administrator's Decision for Funding Year 2014

Billed Entity: Odem-Edroy Independent School District

Billed Entity Number (BEN): 141593

Form 471 Application Number: 992218

Administrator's Notification Letter Date: August 28, 2014

Administrator's Decision for which a Waiver is Requested: 471 Postmarked outside of Window

Basis of Appeal:

Odem-Edroy Independent School District is requesting a one-time waiver from the FCC for the 2014 Form 471 deadline. This waiver would allow the district to continue its application for Telecommunication & Internet Access Services, an application that would result in up to \$32,748.96 of ERate assistance for the District.

Explanation: The districts Form 471 falling outside of the submission window was due to the sum of many factors. For starters, as the current technology director I was new to state, to the district, and to the position just as the 2014 application process began and just like many other small school district all administrators are required to wear many hats which took me some time to get adjusted and I was learning many new jobs at

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once. As I was trying to learn the ERate process and in the middle of the filing window I was involved in car accident that which resulted in the loss of transportation until I was able to make other arrangements. And if all this was not enough the district suffered a terrible loss with the death of an employee that worked in my department. As the dust from all the chaos finally settled the ERate deadline was upon us and I missed the 471 filing deadline. The Form 471 was filed on 3/31/2014, 5 days after the filing deadline.

As precedent, on July 7, 2010, FCC 10-122 the FCC ruled in similar Request for Waivers where "the applicants have demonstrated that special circumstances existed to justify a waiver of the filing deadline". We believe that the spirit of that ruling favors this request for Waiver of our Form 471.

Corrective Measure:

The Odem-Edroy Independent School District respectfully requests that a waiver be granted for the 471 Application deadline.


Thank you.

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